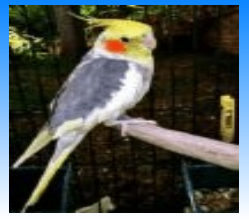


Cockatiel

Nymphicus hollandicus



What is the history of my relationship to man?

The cockatiel was first described by the Scottish writer Robert Kerr in 1792. In the wild you will only find the grey Cockatiel. Man has bred all other color patterns into the breed.

Habitat / Climate

Arid to semi-arid habitat
Always found near water

Where am I from?

We are native to Australia. We are nomadic and will fly to where we can find food and water. The map to the right shows our feeding areas and flight patterns.

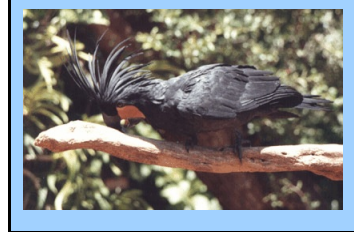


Other family members:

Macaw
Parrots
Conures

Who are my relatives?

We are part of the Psittaciform order. We are the smallest type of cockatoo and the only one with a long pointed tail. Others in the Cockatoo family are the Palm and Rose Breasted Cockatoos.



Breeding Potential

Clutch size - 4 to 5
Number of offspring per year?
up to 10

How am I born?

I am hatched from an egg. A normal clutch size is 4 to 5 eggs. My egg is about the size of a thumb nail. The eggs are laid every two days and incubate for 18 to 22 days. I hatch with no feathers and my eyes are closed.



Breeding Season

A	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
N	E	A	P	A	U	U	U	E	C	O	E
	B	R	Y	N	L	L	G	P	T	V	C

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

I get my grown up feathers or fledge at 4 to 5 weeks old. I am weaned at 8 to 10 weeks old. On average we live to be 18 years old, but there have been a few of us who with good care have lived to our 30s.

Names for:

Adult male- Male
Adult female- Female
Young- Chick
Group:- Flock

What kind of family life do I have?

In the wild we live in flocks as large as 500 birds. As a pet I like other birds for company especially if my person is not there to play with me.

What do I eat and when do I eat?

I will eat seeds and fruits. I also like bread and pasta. I like fresh food every morning after a good nights rest.

Who are my predators?

In the wild larger birds may swoop down and grab us out of the air. The Aborigines of Australia also hunt and capture us.



Comments:

Here at the Ranch we have several breeding sets of Cockatiels. We also have some finger trained Tiels that you can adopt and learn to handle.